

HELMUTH

Speaking for Boskone

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PROGRAM UPDATES

NB: With the inclement weather upon us please be aware that participants may not be able to make their program items at the last moment. Thank you for your understanding.

The following program participants will not be here the rest of this weekend:

- Kate Baker
- Laird Barron
- Chris Golden (new)
- David Kyle
- Melissa Marr
- Hillary Monahan (new)
- Margaret Ronald (new)
- Alison Sinclair
- Jane Yolen

Cancelled Items

Saturday, 8 PM: *Murder, Mystery and Mayhem*

Saturday, 10 PM: *The Jodorowsky Effect*

Other Item Changes

The following Saturday items will not have the following participants:

8 PM: *NESFA Awards Ceremony*
Jane Yolen

9 PM: *Small Press Marketing Roundtable* Steve Davidson

10 PM: *Magical Relics* Steven Sawicki

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LET IT SNOW ...

What we've said before doesn't need repeating, but we'll say it anyway. There's a lot of snow out there. It's cold. In here, it's warm and dry. Draw your own conclusions ...

Transit Blizzard Reminders:

The MBTA has suspended all service as of tomorrow.

Parking will be prohibited in all MBTA station parking lots from 7 PM 5AM Monday.

Boston will enact a parking ban starting at 10 PM Saturday. The city will also turn South Boston into a warren of one-way streets in an effort to reduce congestion and allow first responders easier access into the neighborhood.

(Refer to the previous Helmuth for the full text of these items.)

Further to the last item above: Traffic changes announced for Boston ahead of blizzard: <http://www.wcvb.com/news/traffic-pattern-changes-announced-for-south-boston-ahead-of-blizzard/31272474?absolute=true>

Lodging

Reinstating Rooms: If you check out of the hotel tomorrow, and your flight/train/whatever is cancelled, you can return to the hotel and ask them to reinstate your reservation. The hotel should then be able to give you the Boskone rate for Sunday night.

Crash Space: Need crash space for Saturday or Sunday night? Have crash space available? Connect with other fan at the Self-Service Room Share Board in the Con Suite!

Parties

Tonight's parties run the gamut from the savory to the sweet:

Montreal in 2017: Smoked Meat Party, Room 406, 9 PM

DC in 2017: Dessert Party, Room 466, 9 PM

Boskone 53

A reminder: Boskone 53 will be taking place on February 19–21, 2016 at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel. Pre-registration is \$40 until the end of this Boskone, at Registration or the NESFA Sales Table.

PROGRAM UPDATES (CONT'D)

The following Sunday items will not have the following participants:

9:30 AM: *Flash Fiction Slam* Carrie Cunin

10 AM: *Filk: Fandom within Fandom* Denise Gendron

10 AM: *SF/F Art for Children* Michael A. Burstein

10 AM: *Designing and Marketing Games* Matthew London, Steve Davidson

11 AM: *Death Rays: A Dialog* Jeff Hecht

11 AM: *Writing Workshops: What's Right for You as a New Writer?* Theodora Goss

12 Noon: *Women in Comics* Jane Yolen, Carrie Cunin

12 Noon: *Editors? After the Draft* Jordan Hamessley

12 Noon: *Reading*: Jeff Hecht

1 PM: *The Year in Physics and Astronomy* Jeff Hecht

1 PM: *The Romantics and the Development of Speculative Fiction* Theodora Goss

1 PM: *The Evolution of Urban Fantasy* ML Brennan

1 PM: *Finding Yourself in Story* Steven Popkes

2 PM: *SF Screen Comedy: Galaxy Quest to Guardians of the Galaxy* Julia Rios

2 PM: *Casting Your Lot with Shirley Jackson* Paul G. Tremblay

2 PM: *Promoting Your Project* Steve Davidson

Minnesota Day

Minneapolis fans at Boskone are declaring Sunday "Minnesota Day" in honor of the blizzard, and, of course Boskone GoH Steven K. Zoltan Brust. Felicia Herman and Geri Sullivan will be wearing their Minnesota Geek shirts featuring Steve's name as well as several of his fellow Scribbles, Fourth Street Fantasy Convention, (which Steve co-founded), Minicon (which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year complete with a Cats Laughing Reunion Concert featuring, um, Steve on drums), and many other names you're likely to recognize.

Back in the early 1980s, Boston folk musician and journalist Scott Alarik wrote "Minnesota's Got To Me." It's a fitting tune not just for Minnesota Day at Boskone, but also the blizzard, and the 75+ inches of snow that preceded it in the 3 weeks before Boskone.

Here's a pertinent taste of the lyrics:

*"People will say that there's hell to pay,
the whole long year around.
If the heat don't beat you, the
mosquitoes eat 'ya,
ya slip in the mud and drown.
Before you know it, it's always snowin'
so deep you cannot see.
But once or twice, it's so damned nice,
it's just like heaven to me."*

You can hear the whole song at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vy_WPLMNIM4 ... and maybe at Boskone's Dead Dog Sunday evening.

Minion Opportunities

As stated previously, we'd love to have you. Stop by the Volunteer table in the Galleria to talk to us, and see the opportunities for schwag (6 hours) or a membership to Boskone 53 (12 hours). And after a certain hour on Sunday, the hours you put in count double ...

Doubled opportunities on Sunday: Doubled hours for volunteers will begin at 1 PM on Sunday, instead of at 3 PM.

Coat Check Hours

Limited Space ... First Come, First Served:

Saturday 9 AM – 11 PM
Sunday 9 AM – 2 PM

Not By Bread Alone

The wonderful bread is from the Brookline Food Co-op. Please consider donating for their expenses.

Registration

As of Saturday @ 3 PM:
889 Warm Bodies
1395 Members

Next Helmuth Deadline

Sunday 9 AM for
11 AM edition.

Helmuth Submissions:

Send email to helmuth@boskone.org or leave a note in the Inbox at the Info Desk.

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